

CPYRGHT

CPYRGHT

FOIAb3b

# End Soviet Trip & Deny Spying

BY LESTER ABELMAN

Two American tourists, kicked out of Russia after their data-collecting and espionage trip had snarled them in the Soviet's current spy hysteria, flew into New York airport yesterday and heatedly denied they had acted as espionage agents for this country.

Insisting at first they were "too tired" for an interview, Mark I. Kaminsky, 28, a Russian-language teacher, of Edwardsburg, Mich., and Harvey C. Bennett, 26, of Bath, Maine, unemployed and the father of three, did answer some questions tossed at them on the run by about 40 newsmen.

## The Main Speaker

Kaminsky—who was sentenced to seven years for espionage, given a suspended sentence and then ordered out of Russia—did most of the talking.

Asked to comment on reports the two men were connected with the Central Intelligence Agency, Kaminsky said he could say "definitely, we were not agents."

"I do not contest to espionage," he added, repudiating Russian accounts of his trial.

## A Time for Remorse

Asked if it were true that Soviet-inspired reports about his remorse had resulted in the sus-

pended sentence, he said, "At the time, yes, I was remorseful."

Insisting he had gone abroad to improve his knowledge of the Russian language and to study the Russian people with the idea of writing a book, he said: "I don't think we did anything wrong."

## Denies Squeal Story

Kaminsky denied Russian reports that Bennett had testified against him at his trial.

Before leaving Zurich, Switzerland, for the U. S., the two men

said they had been shadowed by Soviet agents during their 24-hour stay there.